GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2971
ANSWERED ON:20.03.2007
INTEGRATED SCHEME FOR WOMEN
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Integrated Scheme for Women's Empowerment under the Central Social Welfare Board has been launched in Guwahati on February 9, 2007;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the salient features of the scheme;

(c) whether the Government of Assam has sought assistance from the Union Government in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the funds granted for the purpose?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The salient features of the scheme are Annexed.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART(b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2971 FOR 20.3.2007 BY SHRI KISHAN SINGH SANGWAN

SALIENT FEATURES OF THE SCHEME OF INTEGRATED SCHEME FOR WOMEN EMPOWERMENT FOR NORTH EAST (ISWE)

The Central Social Welfare Board was set up in 1953 to develop a healthy partnership between the Government and Community based groups for the welfare, development and empowerment of women in India. In order to fulfill above objective this Project has been developed to cover the un-reached areas of North-East region.

PATTERN OF SCHEME

A Committee will be constituted at the State level, the Chairperson of the State Board shall head the Committee. She may co-opt any Member of the State Board especially those who belong to that area on the Committee.

It will have representation from Schools of Social Work/Sociology Department/Social Sciences Department, an eminent social worker from reputed voluntary organisation, Chamber of Commerce/KVIC, an educationist, District Collector, BDO and Sarpanch/Member of the Panchayat (preferably women), of the adopted area.

The term of the Committee will be of 5 years, extendable based on the performance.

Survey will be conducted through University/Research Institutes in areas which are remote and backward where the project can be launched.

The Committee will shortlist the area/district where the project will be executed.

The project will be implemented in three phases.

Phase − I - Mobilisation and Awareness

Survey by the State Board

Linkup with the existing or new organisations with the participation of community leaders.

A series of camps/meetings shall be organised in the adopted area through above committee in which efforts shall be made to identify local felt needs of the community with the intention to launch the Project.

Training to the functionaries and two representatives of Community based groups will be provided for capacity building.

PHASE- I & II

Economic Development of Women

Community based groups will be formed. These groups will democratically decide the activity to be executed by them. Accordingly, need based projects like handlooms, handicrafts, floriculture, etc., for training − cum − production units will be sanctioned to them.

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The Project proposals submitted will be sanctioned through the Project Sanctioning Committee of C.S.W.B.

Vocational Training with Career Counselling

This aspect will cover educated unemployed girls / women of the area, to whom computer training, typing and shorthand, beauty culture and other similar income generating activities according to the need of the area will be provided through vocational training centres.

The identified group will be provided training on regular basis through professionals in non-traditional courses.

On completion of course the group will be linked to income generating activity and the products made by the groups will be identified through KVIC for their marketing.

The Project proposals submitted under above support services will be sanctioned through the Project Sanctioning Committee of C.S.W.B.

SUPPORT SERVICES

Apart from economic activities other issues (like drug addiction, other health related issues, trafficking of women and children etc.) identified by the committee can be taken up. This project will have the component to undertake activities such as setting up of counselling and referral service centres. It will be implemented through reputed Community based groups having adequate experience in the field and should be financially sound.

Counselling: Counselling centres to provide therapeutic counselling will be opened to deal with the issues like drugs and alcohol de-addiction, tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS.

Trafficking : Large number of women and Children of north-east are being trafficked and are also being used as drug peddlers. Counselling followed by rehabilitation will be done through Community based groups. In this case, it is expected that the Community based groups applying for grant for above purpose should possess adequate experience in this field. 100% grant will be provided to the Community based groups through State Board.

To make this Project effective, sustainable and replicable its duration will be for five years.

In Phase-II production units, self employment units and vending units will be setup alongwith setting up of counselling/career counselling and vocational training centres.

In phase II and III the units will be set up, training will be provided and it is expected that the products made by the Community based groups will be marketed. The process of training to marketing is expected to be accomplished in two to three years.

Under Self Employment and vending units profit from the units will be generated by the groups immediately after they set up the units.

Activities related to awareness, counselling, referrals and rehabilitation will start and continue for four (4) consecutive years. Their continuity will depend on their performance and also number of cases settled by them and clients rehabilitated.

ORIENTATION AND TRAINING

This will be an integral part of the Project and will start with the onset of it.